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TOPIC Military Information from the Dessau and Naumburg Areas.

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1. Source observed a train going from the direction of Magdeburg toward Dessau (M 52/W 17) at 5 p.m. on 21 October 1951. It carried an undetermined number of troops with about 30 motor vehicles [redacted] and [redacted] 25X1 14 field howitzers. Source observed another troop train on the same route during the night of 22 October. It carried troops with trucks and field howitzers. The two trains were again observed when they returned empty toward Magdeburg [redacted] (1)

2. The following road movements were observed between 22 and 27 October: 25X1

Date and Time Composition of Columns and Direction of Movement

22 October 14 JS tanks, 14 SP guns, an undetermined number of armored reconnaissance cars and trucks carrying troops, ammunition and equipment and towing light AT guns and field kitchens, moving from Rossbau toward Zerbst. The vehicles [redacted] 25X1 and the tanks carried prefabricated sections of corduroy roads.

4:30 p.m. About 25 trucks, including [redacted] moving from Rossbau toward Zerbst. 25X1

23 October 12:30 p.m. About 30 trucks, [redacted] carrying troops and billeting equipment; towing 57-mm AT guns; and moving from Rossbau toward Zerbst. 25X1

4:30 p.m. About 30 trucks, [redacted] towing AT guns; and moving from Rossbau toward Zerbst. 25X1

5 p.m. 20 trucks, [redacted] towing AT guns; and moving from Rossbau toward Zerbst. 25X1

5:15 p.m. About 10 rocket launchers. [redacted] and others [redacted] moving from Rossbau toward Zerbst. 25X1

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(2) The columns observed in the Dessau-Zerbst area between 22 and 27 October 1951 included about 50 tanks and armored reconnaissance cars, 50 AT guns and 180 trucks of the 21st Gds Lecz Div; trucks with 30 AT guns of the 7th Gds Tank Div; and 3 columns with 30 pontoons each of motor transport units of both the 21st Gds Lecz Div and the GOMG. The pontoons are believed to belong to a GOMG pool for bridge-building equipment which, according to previous reports, may be located in the Pioneer Kasern, Tosslau. The rail and road movements, reported in paragraphs 1 and 2, indicate that a river-crossing exercise at the level of one reinforced division was held in the Dessau-Zerbst area at the end of October 1951.

(3) Vehicles of the unidentified engineer battalion of the 57th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. According to previous information by the same source, the battalion is believed to have returned to the barracks installation on Flerruper Weg, Naumburg, from Bad Koenig during the first half of October 1951.

(4) Movements of the HQ XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps and, for the most part, of the 25th Gds Lecz Div, which was last confirmed [redacted] at 25X1

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